



BookFest Executive Director's Annual Report

The first BookFest was a great success. Our goals were to:

1. Break even. We exceeded this goal. BookFest will donate \$2,000 to the Palm Beach County Literacy Coalition and has about \$8,000 in start-up money for next year.
2. Have fun. We did!
3. Promote libraries, books, and literacy. We did!
4. Include minorities and children. We did, but we can do better.
5. Host a quality event. We did, on a shoestring budget. Next year we'll be able to afford real tablecloths! We will also improve the sound system (no competing announcements) and the food. We will also hire or recruit volunteers to be Executive Secretary.
6. Promote local authors and help put Palm Beach County on the literary map. BookFest offered 30 authors. Local authors included Robert Lacey, Lucia St. Clair Robson, Scott Eyman, and Trish and Rob MacGregor, to name just a few.

Attendance at BookFest was 12,000. More than 200 people served on committees, including people from about 20 libraries and many from outside the library community. Most participants joined BookFest to meet new people and/or because they supported the idea of a book fair.

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BookFest 1992 will be held April 24-26 at the South Florida Fairgrounds, with The Palm Beach Post as grand sponsor. The Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival, Rustron Music Enterprises and the Southeast Florida Folk Renaissance Alliance will again provide entertainment.

The Board of Directors is restructuring administration of BookFest. To improve communication we will have a smaller Board (listed below), more subcommittees to handle specific tasks, and a hierarchical structure of committees and subcommittees. Most 1991 Board members have agreed to serve again. Their experience will benefit BookFest in its second year, but to grow we need new new people and organizations: we need you! A volunteer form will be printed in a subsequent newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who supported BookFest as a donor, volunteer, committee member, author, exhibitor, performer, attendee, or well wisher.

Angelica Carpenter

Audit Committee Report Audit Committee members Nancy Moore, Elvi Wright, and Sharon Hill met with PBCLA Treasurer Sally Bailey on Tuesday, June 18th. Members of the committee reviewed the checkbook, receipts and bank statement concerning the fiscal year of June 1, 1990 to May 31, 1991, and found everything to be in order. The Audit Committee makes the following recommendations for the future:

- 1) Check numbers should be written on all reimbursed receipts.
- 2) No reimbursements should be issued for non-receipted costs.
- 3) Each BookFest Committee should establish a budget and have its expenditures recorded separately from other committees.

BookFest added greatly to Sally Bailey's workload as Treasurer, and we commend her for her conscientiousness and accuracy.

BookFest Board of Directors 1992

Executive Director Angelica Carpenter
Director, Palm Springs Library

Palm Beach County Library Association President Joy White
Head, Public Services, Boynton Beach City Library

Treasurer Sally Bailey
Director, West Palm Beach Public Library

Authors' Committee Chair Vicki L. Webber
Technical Services Supervisor, Palm Springs Library

Budget Committee Chair Virginia K. Farace
Director, Boynton Beach City Library

Children's Activities Committee Chair Annette Gray
Media Specialist, Gove School

Entertainment Committee Co-Chairs
Kermit Christman and Jaqueline Anne Siegel
The Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival

Exhibitors' Committee Chair Steve Eisenstein
A Book A Brac Shop, Miami Beach

Fundraising Committee Co-Chairs
Deborah Diaz, C.P.A., Haas, Diaz & Co.
Rebecca Morse, Finance Director, Village of Palm Springs

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Shirley Collins, Children's Services Coordinator
Palm Beach County Library System

Public Relations Committee Chair Cathy Benson-Brown
Community Relations Coordinator, Palm Beach County Library System

Volunteers' Committee Chair Sharon Hill, West County Branch Manager
Palm Beach County Library System



A Literary Festival

Three-County Cooperative in the Works

A number of multi-type libraries from Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties are investigating the possibility of forming a cooperative information-sharing network. Tentative name for the group is **Gold Coast Libraries Delivery of Information Network, or GOLDIN.**

Plans include some or all of the following:

1. Libraries would designate areas of strength for collection development, i.e. business references, computer technology, or oceanographic sciences.
2. FAX exchanges would be expanded and available at the inception of the co-op from a Union Catalog of serial holdings.
3. The co-op would offer staff development through continuing education, group demonstrations and staff resource sharing.
4. Children's programming and resources would be showcased with particular emphasis in visual arts, dramatic arts, and participatory activities.
5. The co-op would apply for a state grant for automation planning. The ultimate goal would be to automate all member libraries.
6. Reciprocal borrowing would be available directly to patrons or through interlibrary loan among member libraries.
7. The co-op hopes to meet one objective of the State Library's Long Range Plan: working toward regional library cooperatives at a reasonable cost per member.

The co-op hopes to accomplish its goals with minimal cost to any individual member. The co-op will enrich resources available to patrons without lengthy time delays, a central clearing house, or expensive outside contractual carriers.

The co-op seeks additional members from city, school, and private sector libraries.

September Program Features Conference Delegates PBCLA will hold its first meeting of the season at 7:45 AM Thursday, September 19th, at the Palm Beach Gardens Branch Library, 8895 North Military Trail, Building C, Palm Beach Gardens. The program topic will be The White House Conference on Libraries and Information Services: What does it mean for Palm Beach County? Featured speakers are Bettye Bryant and Judy Pierman.

Palm Beach County was fortunate to be represented at The White House Conference by two very articulate, intelligent, and concerned women. **Betty Bryant** is Chair of the West Palm Beach Library Advisory Board and Principal of Greenacres Elementary School. She has always been concerned about literacy and the role of the library in stimulating an interest in reading for all ages, especially children. **Judy Pierman** is the present Vice-Mayor and former Mayor of North Palm Beach. She is a member of the North Palm Beach Branch of the American Association of University Women, which was instrumental in starting the North Palm Beach Public Library.

Both Ms. Bryant and Ms. Pierman are extremely enthusiastic about what they learned and what was accomplished at the White House Conference, and are anxious to share their experiences and knowledge with all of us.

Please join us for coffee, pastries, and an important and timely program!

Are Your Dues Due??? Take a look at the mailing label on this newsletter. Is there a red dot in the upper right hand corner? This indicates that its time to renew your membership. Our records show that many of you need to do this. **PBCLA** has become an important and nationally recognized organization over the past few years, especially following the success of **BookFest**. Libraries in Palm Beach County are facing some important challenges in the next few years. **PBCLA** must continue to be a strong advocate of libraries, library education, literacy, and superior service to the public. **WE NEED YOU!** Take the time now to fill out the application at the end of this newsletter, and renew today!

Fixing Films Fun!! The Committee for Library Education in Palm Beach County hosted a Video Repair Workshop at the Palm Springs Library in May. Patty Rogers, circulation supervisor at the Palm Springs Library, conducted this seminar, and everyone who attended had a great time! Attendees received repair kits and booklets, and had some hands-on experience salvaging broken videos. If you have a library skill that you would like to share, please call Tracy Simkowitz at 965-4155. We need your expertise!

Celebrity "Read" Posters Available The Friends of the Palm Beach County Library System have some posters left from BookFest. Because they bought in bulk, they can offer the posters at just \$4.00 each (\$1.00 less than ordering from ALA.) The following list of posters is still available:

R E M	Denzel Washington
Ruben Blades	Michael J. Fox
Billy Dee Williams	Bill Cosby
George Burns	Isiah Thomas
Bette Midler	David Bowie
Steve Martin	Phil Collins
Kirk Cameron	Goldie Hawn
Bo Jackson	William Hurt
Glenn Close	Diahann Carroll
Garfield	Paul Newman

To order your favorite poster, call the Community Relations office of the Palm Beach County Library System at 686-0895. You may pick up your poster at the Palm Beach County Library System Headquarters, 3650 Summit Boulevard, West Palm Beach. Please make your checks payable to the Friends of the Palm Beach County Library System, or Friends/PBCLS.

Welcome to Our New Officers for 1991-1992

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Head of Public Services
Boynton Beach City Library
738-7496

Cathy Benson-Brown, Vice-President/President Elect
Community Relations Coordinator
Palm Beach County Library System
686-0895

Lola McManus, Secretary
Administrative Assistant
Delray Beach Library
276-6462

Sally Bailey, Treasurer
Director
West Palm Beach Public Library
835-7013

Carol Roggenstein, Program Chair
Branch Head
Palm Beach Gardens Branch
Palm Beach County Library System
626-6133

Tracy Simkowitz, Newsletter Editor
Library Assistant
Palm Springs Library
965-2204

Hard Times in Lake Worth

To save money in the coming fiscal year, Lake Worth City Commissioners considered closing the municipal library. A hike in city taxes seemed inevitable due to a decrease in city revenues, coupled with rising costs, contractual agreements with bargaining units, increased demand for services, and equipment and facilities in need of repair. The library budget for 1990-91 was \$502,300.

In a budget released July 12, City Manager John Kelly recommended an 11.6% tax increase. Fifteen city employees, including two library staff members, were laid off August 15. Spending for new books was halted in July and the plan called for the remaining 12 library employees to be laid off October 1.

Commissioners investigated giving the library to the Palm Beach County Library System. They learned that Lake Worth would have to hold a referendum to allow residents to vote on this idea, and that the transfer of authority could not happen before October 1992. Lake Worth Friends' President Linda Ulrich urged giving the library to the county system.

The Library Board, led by Chairman Helen George, met to consider alternatives. They offered \$12,000 from the Board's trust fund to buy books for the rest of the fiscal year, and they urged the City Commission to fund the city's full-service library to provide all traditional services.

Mr. Kelly later proposed a budget with a 28.6% tax increase. This plan allowed \$8,900 for utility services to provide air conditioning and humidity control, but no money for staff or materials.

Fifteen people attended a Friends' meeting in August. State Representative Mark Foley led protests against closing the library. The Lake Worth Herald said it would take 60 volunteers working four-hour shifts each week to maintain services. Mayor Ron Exline said the Commission would find some way to keep the library open, even if it meant cutting staff positions or hours.

In an editorial August 8, The Lake Worth Herald called closing the library a mistake. "Giving the library over to the County to manage would not save the taxpayers any money," said Editor Elliott Kravetz. "After all they would have to then pay County Library Tax." Both the editorial and a letter to the editor from George Fisher pointed out that the library attracts customers to downtown businesses.

The 79-year-old library enjoys strong community support, but many Friends, Board members, and residents were out of town as the crisis developed. At press time no final decisions had been made.

Writers' Workshop at Library The Florida Chapter of The Society of Children's Book Writers and the Florida Public Library Association's Youth Services Division present **Writing for Tots, Tweens and Teens**. This one-day workshop will take place Saturday, September 14, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Palm Springs Library.

Speaking at the workshop will be **Gloria Houston, Ph.D.**, author-in-residence at the College of Education, University of South Florida in Tampa. Houston's picture book, *The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree*, has sold more than 80,000 copies. Her new young adult novel is *Littlejim's Gift*. Also speaking will be writer/illustrator **Loreen Leedy**, whose books include *The Potato Party* and *Other Troll Tales*, *The Great Trash Bash*, *The Dragon Thanksgiving Feast*, and *The Furry News*. Leedy will also briefly critique portfolios of attending illustrators.

Registration for the workshop, which includes snacks, is \$30 for SCBW and FPLA members and \$35 for non-members. Make check payable to The Society of Children's Book Writers and mail to **Society of Children's Book Writers, c/o Palm Springs Library, 217 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs, FL 33461**. The School Board of Palm Beach County has approved this workshop for two credits in its in-service program for district teachers. Seating is limited; advance registration is advised.

**Palm Beach County Library Association
Membership Application**

Name of Individual or Institution _____

Mailing Address _____

Workplace _____

Position _____

Telephone (Business) _____ (Home) _____

Contact person if Institution _____

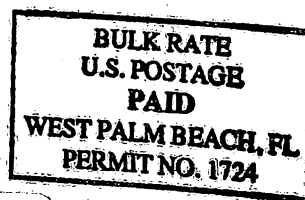
Yearly dues are \$5.00 for individual membership and \$20.00 for institutional membership. Make checks payable to the Palm Beach County Library Association, and mail to :

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